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re: Patent Application **10/751,021**, reply to notice of non-compliance

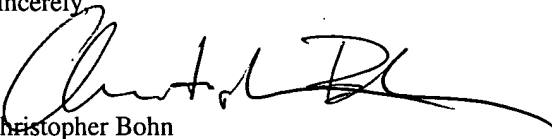
Dear Mr. Paula,

I am writing in response to your correspondence of July 3, 2008 which was a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37.CFR 1.121).

You noted two issues that needed correction. First, that claims 1 and 21 both were previously added in an amendment dated 3/28/07. I have thus changed the claim status to "Withdrawn" for Claim 1. I did not make a similar change to claim 21, however, as it is noted in 37 CFR 1.121 that "*Only claims having the status of currently amended, or withdrawn if also being amended, shall include markings.*" In your letter, you note that Claim 21 is not acceptable because certain punctuation marks were not properly marked as added and deleted. I have properly marked them as such, and since that claim has markings, I have left its status as "Currently amended" per the quoted rules above.

I think now that the claims are all correctly presented, but do let me know if there are any further corrections required.

Sincerely



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